



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

TOWN HALL
1009 MAIN ST
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01876

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Aznavoorian, Chairman
Damin Sutherby, Vice Chair
Rob Kocsmiersky, Clerk
Raymond Lisiecki
Thomas L. Cooke
Laurence Sanford
Paul McDermott

Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2014

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by David Aznavoorian, Chairman, at the temporary Town Hall (Pike House). Present were Ray Lisiecki, Damin Sutherby, Rob Kocsmiersky, Larry Sanford, and Paul McDermott. Also present was Richard Montuori, Town Manager, and Melissa Johnson, Recording Secretary.

Tom Cooke and Karen Kucala, Finance Director, were not in attendance.

2) Town Manager and Finance Director Reports (as applicable)

Mr. Aznavoorian noted that the members were previously provided a copy of the warrant articles for town meeting and asked if any of the members have any additional questions.

Mr. Sanford asked if free cash can be spent in any manner by a majority vote at town meeting. Mr. Montuori confirmed this and noted that a warrant article must be submitted prior to town meeting. Mr. Sanford asked if any thought has been given to spending some of the free cash on roadway improvements. Mr. Montuori noted that this is something he would eventually like to do and explained that there are three areas the town really needs to focus on: roadways, drainage, and sidewalks.

Mr. Sanford asked when the teacher's wage deferral ends and Mr. Montuori noted that he believes it ends in 2021 and that he would have to check the payment schedule to confirm this.

Discussion took place on various roadways in town as well as the cost to pave the roads and drainage costs.

Mr. Aznavoorian asked if there are any articles that are expected to be controversial. Mr. Montuori explained not to his knowledge other than utilizing free cash for the one time items as there are some who would prefer to see these funds used to help reduce the tax levy.

Mr. Sanford requested a spreadsheet showing assets and debt. Mr. Montuori will look in to this.

3) Finance Committee Matters of Interest (as applicable)

Mr. McDermott asked if any feedback on the recent Fall Festival has been received. Mr. Montuori explained that the festival was very successful. Approximately 3,000 were in attendance and many of the vendors ran out of food.

Mr. Lisiecki noted that the School Department is forming a task force to research full day kindergarten. Mr. Lisiecki will be a part of this task force.

4) Committee Member Reports

None.

5) Approval of Meeting Minutes

There was no meeting minutes presented for approval.

6) Approval of Payment of Recording Secretary Timesheet

MOTION: Mr. Lisiecki made the motion to approve the recording secretary's time sheet for the month of August, 2014 in the amount of \$73.16; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

7) Future Proposed Meeting Dates (subject to change)

The Finance Committee public hearing on the Special Town Meeting warrant articles will take place on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at the Pike House.

Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Kocsmiersky made the motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Approved: January 29, 2015

**Documents Presented and/or Discussed
September 18, 2014**

- 1) Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
A copy can be found with the Town Manager's office
- 2) Recording Secretary time sheet for August, 2014
A copy can be found with the Finance Department